

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Klein Gives Dodd Instructions

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From secret letters and memos that were supposed to have been destroyed, this column has now uncovered the startling story of how Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.) flew to Germany to make a pitch to West German leaders and industrialists not to cancel their \$150,000-a-year contracts with Julius Klein Public Relations, Inc.

This column has also interviewed more than a dozen people from Bonn, Germany, to Chicago, Ill., to nail down the details of Dodd's amazing mission to Germany last April.

He took with him written instructions from Gen. Julius, founder of the public relations firm, spelling out exactly whom Dodd should see and what he should tell them.

A U.S. Senator is one of 100 top legislators in the Nation, in fact one of the most important in the world. He is not supposed to run errands for a foreign agent or deliver speeches written by such an agent.

Nevertheless, Sen. Dodd was given an individual "briefing memo" on each person he was supposed to contact on behalf of Gen. Klein. First on his list was Dr. Hans Globke, the former West German secretary of state.

"When in Bonn," directed

Klein's memo to Dodd, "see him first to brief you. Dr. Globke is your devoted friend. He will ever be grateful to you for the courageous stand taken in your Senate speech of 1960 . . . To refresh your memory, attached is a marked copy of your speech.

"Globke was the liaison man with whom I worked closely while working with Chancellor Adenauer and Dr. Von Brentano (West Germany's late foreign minister). He knows the problem from A to Z. He is already working on my problem. He will brief you exactly and give you all the assistance that you need. . .

"Dr. Globke will support and guide you 100 per cent in my behalf. You can show him everything and discuss everything with him. He might add some points to the prepared memos for your discussion."

Slim Opposition

Ohio Democrats have been so hard up for a candidate to run against Gov. James A. Rhodes that they have come up with a charming, rather obscure state legislator, Frazier Reams Jr., of Toledo.

Young Reams operates radio station WTOL and WTOL-TV. Aside from having a distinguished father, Reams so far has played an insignificant role in Ohio politics.

His father was the only true independent member of Congress since 1920, having been

elected without the support of either the Republican or Democratic parties. He beat both the Republican and Democratic candidates for Congress in 1950 in a frank campaign against "autocratic labor bosses" and for a stronger United Nations.

Nobody gives his son much chance to defeat Republican Gov. Rhodes of Ohio.

Shapp Means Business

Milton Shapp, the Pennsylvania industrialist now running for governor, held a significant, private conference with ex-Governor George Leader one day before Shapp announced. The conversation indicates that he is in the race for keeps.

Shapp, long an admirer and supporter of George Leader, met with him in Philadelphia on Jan. 17 to tell him that if he, Leader, would be a candidate, Shapp would go to Harrisburg and withdraw.

"I have my radio tapes prepared, my TV clips and my press releases all ready announcing that I am a candidate," Shapp told Leader, "but, even so, if you will tell me that you are going to be the Democratic candidate, I'll go to Harrisburg and withdraw."

"The only thing that would induce me to run," Leader replied, "would be a request from the President."

Shapp said he had a letter

from the White House signed by Lee White, special counsel to President Johnson, stating that the President planned to keep out of the Pennsylvania race.

"In that case," said Leader, "I am not a candidate."

Recently, John Bailey, Democratic National Chairman, has gone behind LBJ's back and talked to Leader about running. Actually, Bailey did more than talk. He applied a lot of heat.

However, Leader stuck to his position that he would not run unless he got a personal request from President Johnson.

In addition to persuasion from Democratic Chairman Bailey, there is pressure from Frank Smith of Philadelphia and David Lawrence of Pittsburgh to get Leader to run. If he does Shapp says it will be the Democratic battle of the century, even though he and Leader are old friends.

"It would be most embarrassing for me to withdraw twice," Shapp says. He referred to the fact that at a Democratic Policy Committee meeting in 1964 he withdrew as a candidate for the Senate for the sake of party harmony.

Shapp expects to introduce a resolution at the next Democratic Policy Committee meeting calling for an open primary. He believes primaries are healthy. They educate the electorate regarding the issues.